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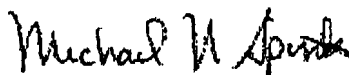
I. REMARKS

This response is being filed to address the Interview Summary mailed April 23, 2007, and in part the Advisory Action mailed May 1, 2007, with respect to this application.

In the telephonic interview conducted April 18, 2007, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the support for the prior claim amendments in paragraph [0019] of the specification. In particular, the specification recites "as the upper flange 46 flexes towards the body 32 of the beltstrip assembly 20 the hider flange 54 cooperates to close off an interior region 56 between the upper flange or lip 46 and an adjacent portion of the body 32". The Applicants and the undersigned discussed this passage as well as the dictionary and thesaurus definitions of "close" and "close off", which include "to move so as to bar passage through something, to block against entry or passage, and to contract, fold, swing or slide so as to leave no opening". See, e.g. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, 2001 referred to by the undersigned during the interview. The Examiner was at least of the view that the specification supported both the conditions where the second flange engages the third flange and where the second flange comes into close proximity to the third flange.

Nonetheless, in the Advisory Action mailed May 1, 2007, the Examiner indicated the proposed amendments raised new issues and raised the issue of new matter. It is respectfully submitted that the specification, at least through the recited portion above, supports the claims. Moreover, it is clear from the specification and drawings that the flange 46 is sized and positioned to flex to engage the hider flange 54.

Respectfully submitted,



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